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TWO SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON IN BEAUMONT

BEAUMONT, TX – United States Attorney John L. Ratcliffe announced today that two men have been sentenced to prison for separate federal violations in the Eastern District of Texas.

PAUL KEITH DICKEY, 28, of Vidor, was sentenced to 60 months in federal prison for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine today by United States District Judge Thad Heartfield.

According to information presented in court, on January 16, 2007, Dickey and co-defendant Bridget Good Bergeron, were stopped for a traffic violation on Interstate 10 in Jefferson County, Texas. During the traffic stop, Bergeron was observed attempting to hide methamphetamine. A further search of the vehicle revealed more than 50 grams of methamphetamine.

Dickey was indicted by a federal grand jury on January 24, 2007 and pleaded guilty to the charges on August 28, 2007. Bergeron pleaded guilty on August 2, 2007 and was sentenced to 7 months in federal prison on December 6, 2007.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Craft.

WILBUR CRAIG SMITH, 39, of Port Arthur, has been sentenced to 120 months in federal prison for possession of a stolen firearm today by United States District Judge Marcia Crone.

According to information presented in court, on August 16, 2006, law enforcement officers responded to a report of a burglary in progress on 17th Street in Port Arthur. Upon arrival, they observed Smith fleeing the scene. After a foot chase, officers apprehended Smith and found him to be in possession of stolen items including a firearm and ammunition. A subsequent investigation revealed that Smith was a convicted felon and therefore prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm. Smith has prior felony convictions for burglary of a building in Jefferson County in 1992, burglary of a habitation in Jefferson County in 1992 and possession of a controlled substance in Jefferson County in 2001.

Smith was indicted by a federal grand jury on June 6, 2007 and pleaded guilty to the charges on September 19, 2007.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Port Arthur Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randall L. Fluke.

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